



White Tailed Deer Fact Sheet #1 Issues and City Actions

The City has received numerous calls in reference to deer. Residents are expressing concern about health risks and property damage caused by deer. The City of Rye is currently examining the situation. The following information is an update on current activities.

Issues

Public Health – Lyme Disease

Residents are concerned that there is an increase the number of deer in Rye and that situation could result in an increase in Lyme Disease cases

Public Safety – Motor Vehicle Accidents

There is concern that an increase in deer population will directly increase the number of deer related vehicle accidents.

Property Damage

Residents have seen their ornamental landscapes suffer considerable damage from deer browse.

City Actions

City of Rye Deer Committee

The City feels that investigating these concerns is a priority. The City of Rye Deer Committee has been formed to advise the Council and residents.

Research and surveys

The Deer Committee is currently drafting a resident survey to gather information related to vehicle accidents, lyme disease cases, property damage, and public opinion. The Committee is consulting with state and local officials for assistance and information.

Educational program

The City Naturalist with assistance from the City Deer Committee has begun an educational campaign.

For more information visit the City of Rye website at www.ryeny.gov or contact City Naturalist, Chantal Detlefs at 967-7412 or nature@ryeny.gov.